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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,411,843
AB United States Patent No. 6,360,740
AC United States Patent No. 6,198,970
AD United States Patent No. 5,911,218
AE United States Patent No. 5,671,752
AF United States Patent No. 5,036,848
AL PCT Application WO 97/38751

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AB and AL were identified and discussed at page 1 of the present application, and Reference AE was cited at page 3 of the present application. Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

Reference AL includes an English Abstract, and an English translation of Reference AL also is attached thereto.

The remaining references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office in connection with the counterpart Swedish application. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith. Since all of those references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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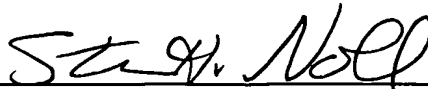
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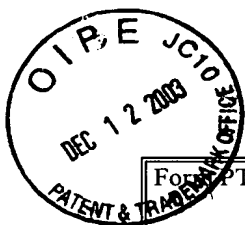
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